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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL VANDENBERG

SUBJECT: Comments by F.B.I. on C.I.G. 10.

ENCLOSURE: Letter from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, dated 25 June.

The following comments and recommendations are submitted regarding the designated paragraphs of the enclosed letter:

3rd paragraph: The President's letter of 22 January authorized the N.I.A. to plan, develop and coordinate "all Federal foreign intelligence activities * * * related to the national security." It is therefore proper for the N.I.A. to delegate this authority to the Director of Central Intelligence as worded in C.I.G. 10. Mr. Hoover's wording would preclude the Director from coordinating any foreign intelligence activities, such as collection, research, analysis and dissemination, conducted in the U. S. or its possessions. For example, research activities of State, War and Navy in Washington would not be subject to the Director's coordination under Mr. Hoover's wording.

Recommendation: That paragraph 3 of C.I.G. 10 remain as written.

4th paragraph: Mr. Hoover's wording makes it clear that C.I.G. espionage and counter-espionage operations will not be conducted within the U. S. or its possessions. This is proper, since paragraph 9 of the President's letter precludes N.I.A. and C.I.G. from making investigations inside the U. S. and its possessions. Moreover, it was intended that C.I.G. clandestine operations be conducted only in foreign countries.

Recommendation: That Mr. Hoover's wording be accepted, with the addition of the word "organized" before "Federal".

5th paragraph: Mr. Hoover is incorrect if he interprets the President's letter to mean that the only relations of N.I.A. with departments other than State, War and Navy are for the furnishing to N.I.A. of intelligence information. As quoted above, the authority of the N.I.A. covers "all Federal foreign intelligence activities * * * related to the national security." It is true, however, that the N.I.A. cannot use personnel of a department other than State, War and Navy without permission of that department.

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Recommendation: That the following phrase be added to the sentence in question: "as mutually agreed to by the Director of Central Intelligence and authorized departmental officials."

6th paragraph: Recommend that you concur with the first sentence in this paragraph, but suggest that F.B.I. withdrawal be phased with C.I.G. ability to begin operations in Central and South America, and that the way be left open to use qualified F.B.I. personnel as mutually agreed upon.

(Signed)

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